Statement

Production of oilseeds, Edible Oils (net availability from all domestic sources), import and total availability/consumption 2001-02 To 2004-05

(In lakh tonnes)

Oil year (Nov.-Oct.)	Production of oil seeds	Net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources	Import of edible oils	Total Availability/ Consumption of edible oils (from domestic and import sources)*
2001-02	206.63	61.46	43.22	104.68
2002-03	148.39	46.64	43.65	90.29
2003-04	252.90	71.64	52.90	124.54
2004-05	261.03 (4th Advance Estimates)	76.98 (Est.)	45.42 (Est.)	122.40 (Est.)

The demand/supply of edible oils is taken as net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources plus imports.

Simplifying deep sea fishing rules

1281. SHRI THENNALAG. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government are going to simplify the deep sea fishing sector;

(b) whether numerous rules and regulations have been put in place in the fishing sector;

(c) the extent to which Government are aware of the fact that some officials are periodically harassing the fishery sector through such rules;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to all concerned to avoid harassment and harm in the Indian fishery sector; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to sensitize the officials to treat fishery as a development activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government has announced the Comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy in 2004 and also constituted an Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries to consider all matters concerning development of deep sea fishing sector. The type and number of fishing vessels that would be permitted in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) during the next five years have been worked out. The procedure for applying for Letter of Permission (LOP) and the guidelines for fishing in the EEZ has been drawn up in consultation with the Empowered Committee and made known to the public through a Public Notice and also through the website of the Department.

(c) The Government is not aware of the fact.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Development of fisheries in EEZ is curently being addressed in compliance with national and international regulations and keeping in view of the need for conserving marine fishery resources and to cause least chances for inter-sectoral clashes.

Devastation of crops due to sub-standard seeds and pesticides

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers are suffering heavy losses due to devastation of their crops because of substandard seeds and pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) There have been some cases where farmers have suffered because of substandard seeds and pesticides. However, to regulate the quality of seeds and pesticides, the Government is enforcing the Seeds Act, 1966, Seeds Rules, 1968, Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and Insecticides Act, 1968 and amendments made thereunder. Implementation of these legal instruments is vested with the

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